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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Sunday, May 07, 2017
Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Hazards: Elevated to critical fire weather conditions possible across much of NM.

Ongoing moderate to major river flooding over NE AR and SW LA.

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Key Points



Today

- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions possible across much of NM

Monday - Tuesday

- A few strong storms possible over E NM and the Panhandles on Monday
- A few strong storms possible over E NM & W TX on Tuesday

Wednesday - Thursday

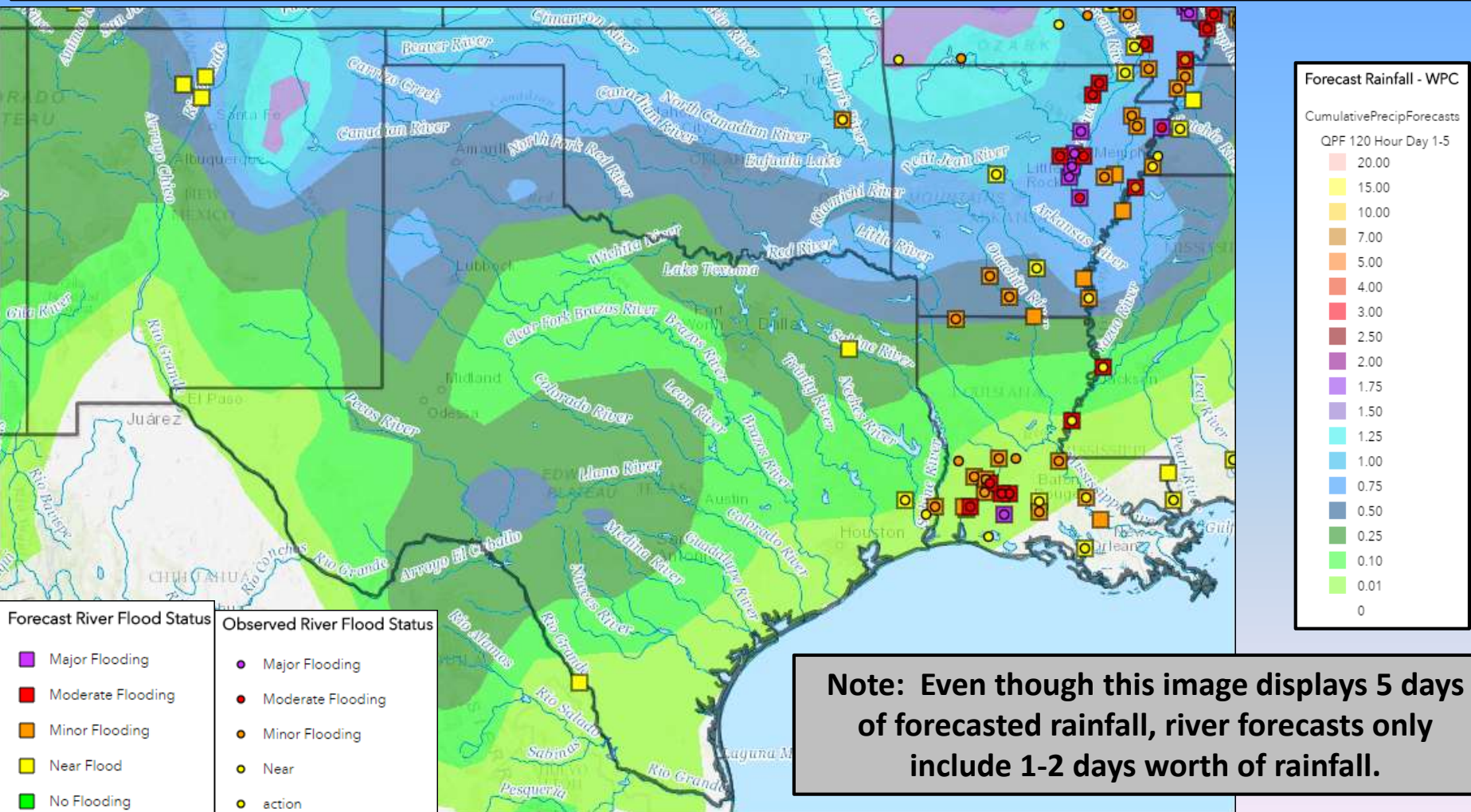
- Storms will be shifting into central portions of the Region by mid-week; could see strong to severe storms over W OK through W-Central TX on Wednesday and over E OK, AR, NE TX and N LA on Thursday

River Flooding

- Major flooding will continue on the White River (NE AR) this week
- Moderate to major flooding occurring in SW LA and likely to continue
- Minor to moderate flooding is expected along the MS River over the next week

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

- Major flooding will continue on the White River in NE AR throughout this week
- Moderate to major flooding occurring in SW LA will likely to continue for much of this week
- Minor to moderate flooding is expected along the MS River over the next week



For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

May 7, 2017 - May 11, 2017

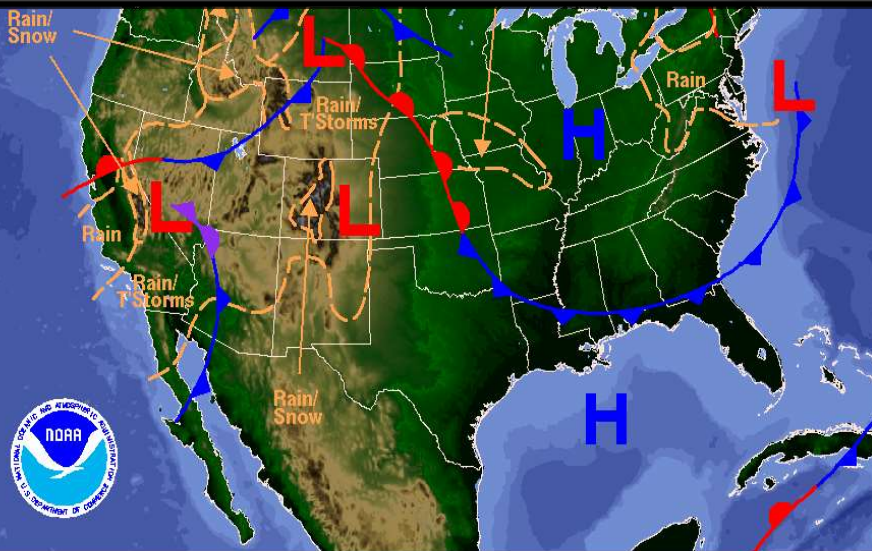
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Severe Weather		E NM, W Panhandles	E NM, W TX	W-Central TX, W OK	NE TX, E OK, AR, N LA
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Winter					
Fire Weather	NM				
River Flooding	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR
	SW LA, MS River	SW LA, MS River	SW LA, MS River	SW LA, MS River	SW LA, MS River

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



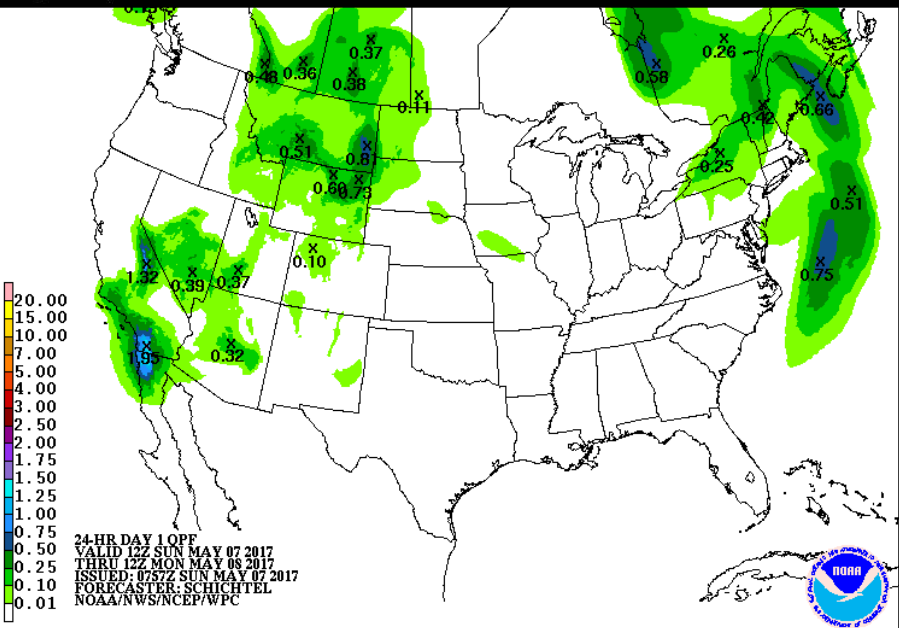
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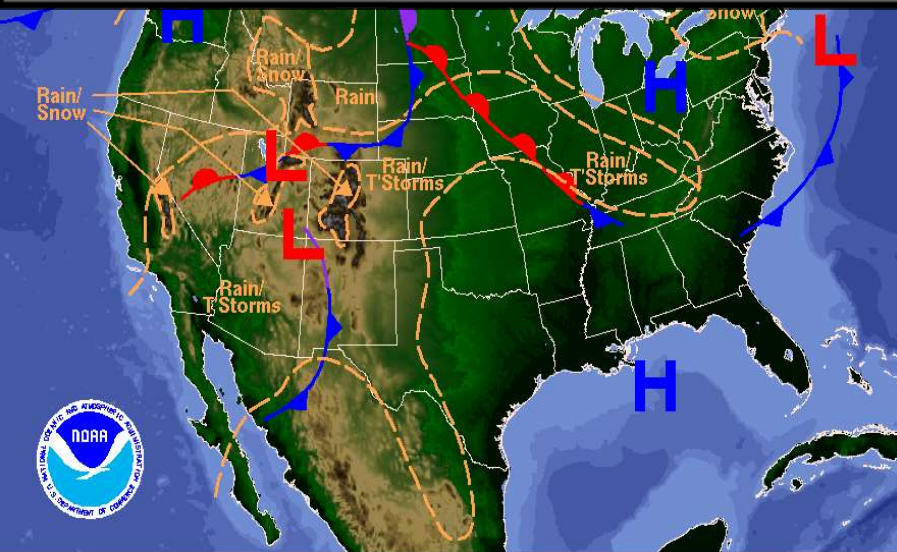
Moderate to major river flooding continues over NE AR & SW LA.

Elevated to critical fire weather conditions this afternoon over much of NM.

Weather Forecast for Sun, May 07, 2017, issued 4:09 AM EDT
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Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



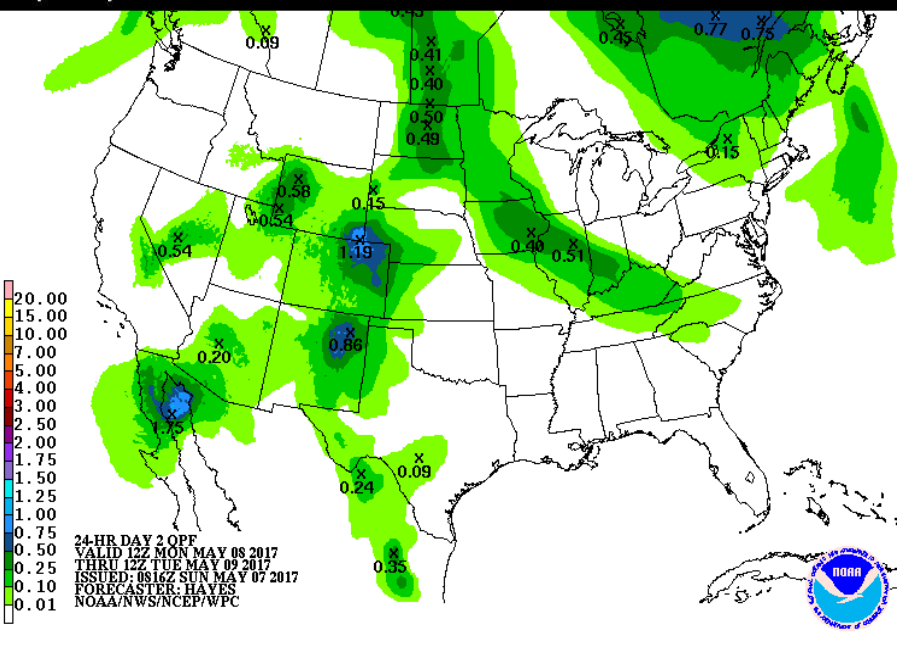
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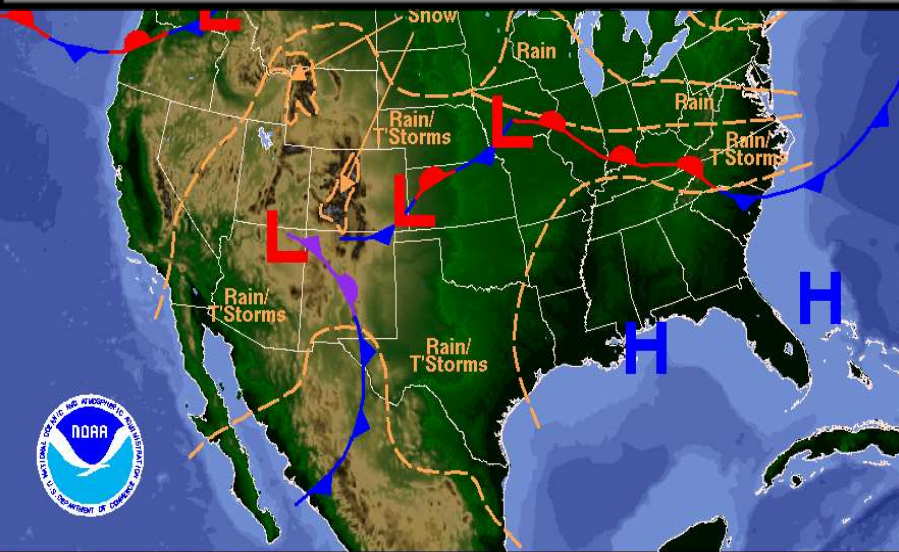
Weather Forecast for Mon, May 08, 2017, issued 4:28 AM EDT Sun, May 07, 2017
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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Moderate to major river flooding continues over NE AR & SW LA.

A few strong storms possible over E NM and into the W Panhandles in the afternoon/evening.



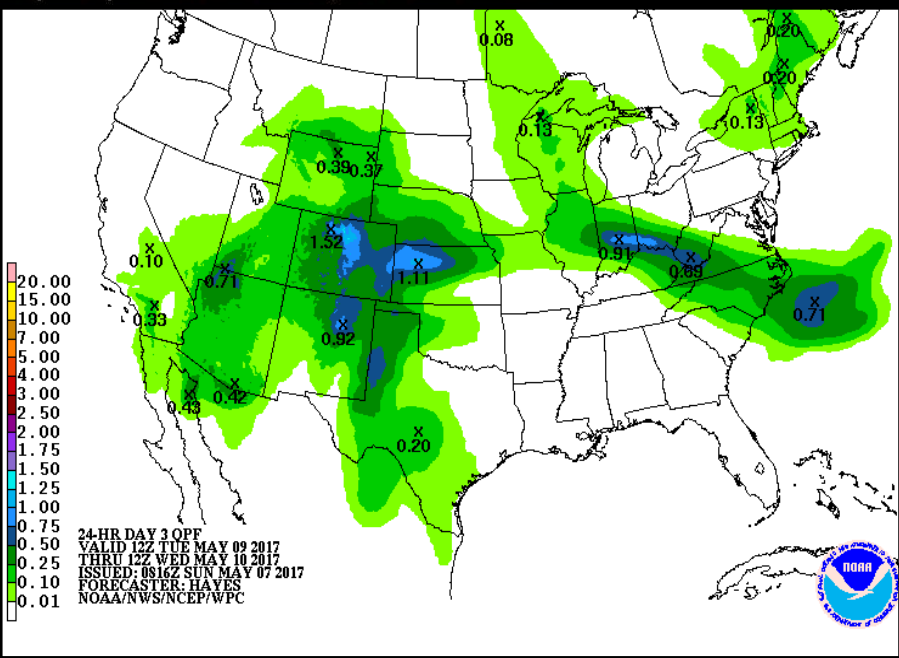
Tuesday's Weather



Moderate to major river flooding continues over NE AR & SW LA.

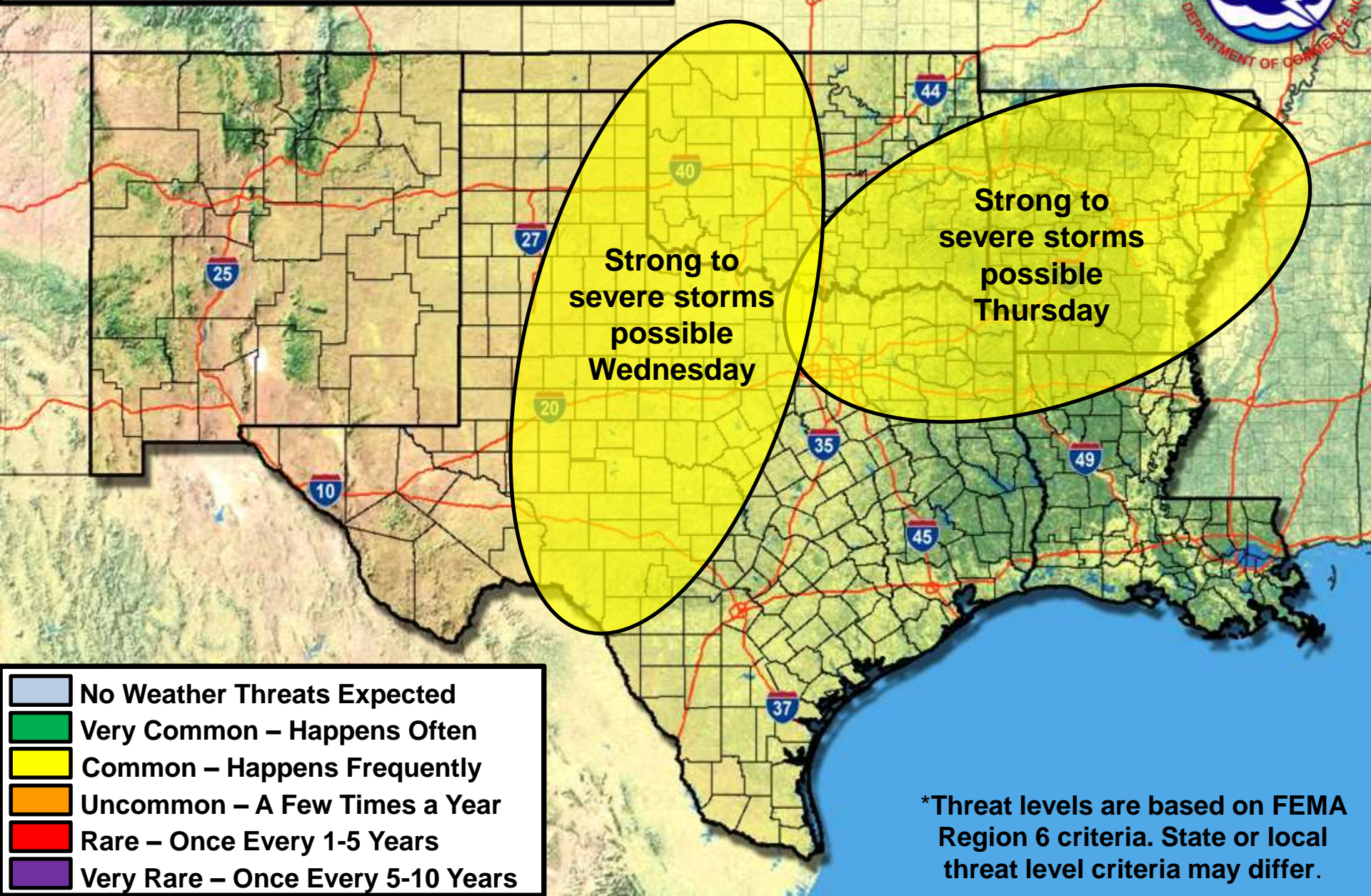
Strong storms possible over E NM and W TX in the afternoon/evening.

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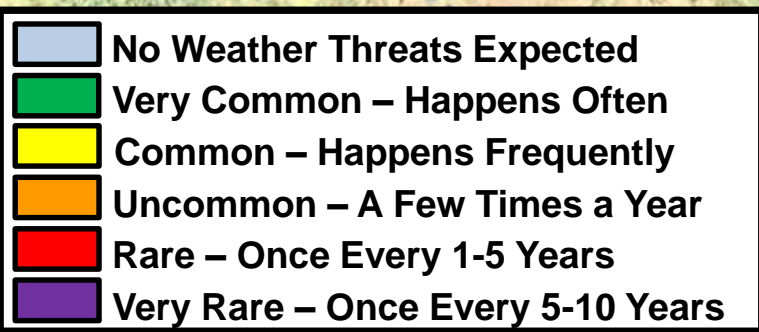
Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Wed - 0800 Fri



**Strong to
severe storms
possible
Wednesday**

**Strong to
severe storms
possible
Thursday**

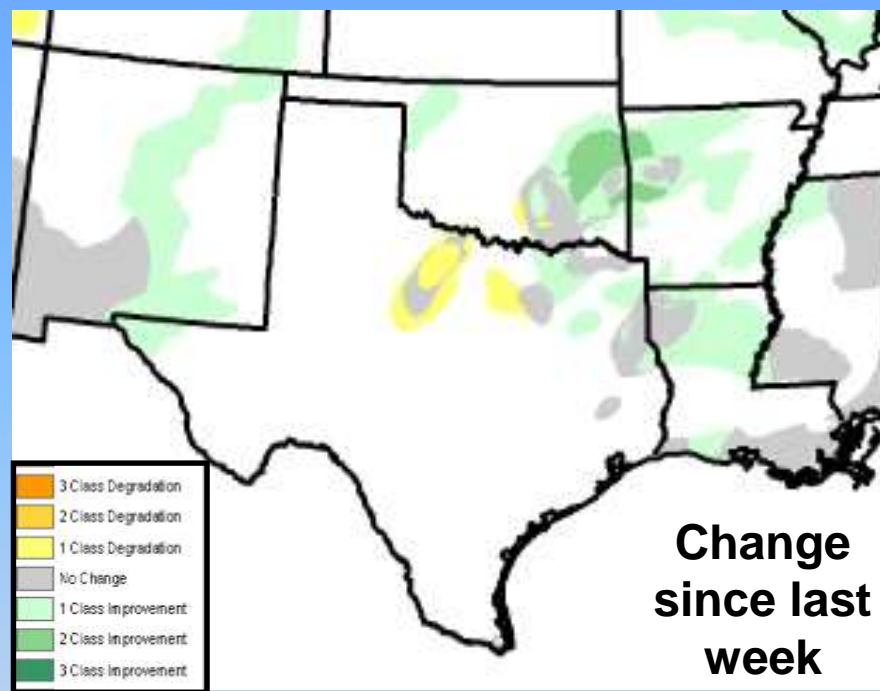
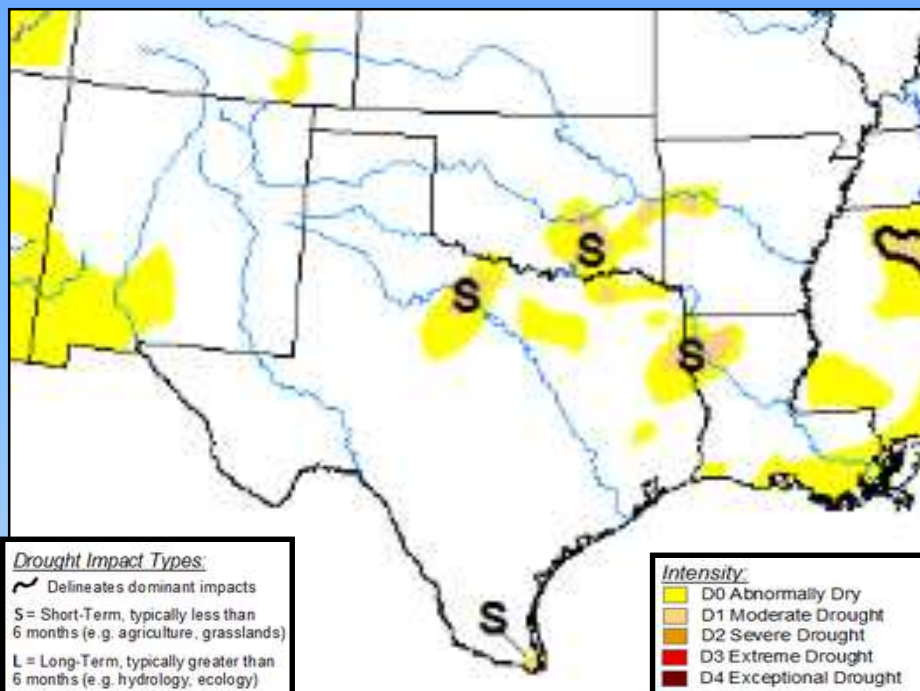


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released May 4th, 2017

Data valid as of 7am CST, Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	3.90%	0.00%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	2.02%	0.00%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

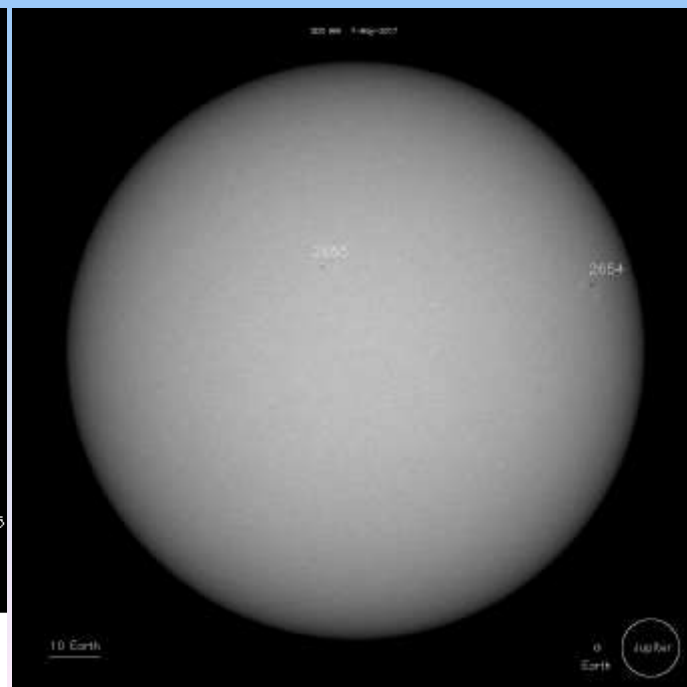
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms